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Note to Editors: NASA and Parkside Students to Unveil Space Experiments

Representatives from the NASA Wallops Flight Facility will deliver to Parkside High School at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, a student experiment that flew last month on the Space Shuttle Atlantis during STS-106.

The experiment includes the study of the effect that the space environment has on a variety of materials such as seeds, film, mini cassette tapes and a radiation dosimeter.

The Parkside experiment was one of 13 that flew as part of the Space Experiment Module-08 in the Shuttle cargo bay. The SEM program, managed by the Wallops Flight Facility, is an educational initiative to increase access for space for students in kindergarten through the university level. Since its first flight in 1996, SEM has allowed tens of thousands of students in the United States and other countries to fly their experiments in space.

More information on SEM can be found at www.wff.nasa.gov/sem

The teacher/coordinator of the program at Parkside is Tony Goodyear.

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